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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: BILATERAL APPROACH TO ANGOLANS

1. SUMMARY: DURING VISIT OF ANGOLAN PRESIDENT NETO TO KINSHASA, CHARGE MET WITH ANGOLAN FON MINISTER TO DELIVER BILATERAL APPROACH ON NAMIBIA AND OFFER ENCOURAGEMENT FOR ZAIRIAN/ANGOLAN RECONCILIATION. AMERICAN INITIATIVE WAS RECEIVED CONSTRUCTIVELY. ZAIRIAN AND ANGOLAN FON MINISTERS SEPARATELY TOLD CHARGE THAT NETO VISIT HAS MOVED RAPPROCHEMENT AHEAD. BOTH FON MINISTERS SEE POSSIBILITY FOR USG TO PLAY FURTHER HELPFUL ROLE IN RECONCILIATION PROCESS AND PROMISED TO PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS FOR SUCH HELP. END SUMMARY.

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2. AT MY REQUEST, ZAIRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER UMBA INTRODUCED ME TO ANGOLAN FOREIGN MINISTER PAULO-JORGE DURING AIRPORT WELCOMING CEREMONIES AUGUST 19. UMBA ACTED AS GO-BETWEEN DURING WEEKEND TO ARRANGE FOR JORGE TO RECEIVE ME AT OAU GUEST VILLA EARLY AUGUST 21.

3. DURING OUR MEETING I TOLD ANGOLAN FOREIGN MINISTER THAT USG

WISHED TO USE OCCASION OF PRESIDENT NETO'S VISIT HERE TO EMPHASIZE TO GOA OUR CONCERN OVER RISING LEVEL OF VIOLENCE RECENTLY IN ANGOLA/NAMIBIA BORDER AREA AND OUR HOPE THAT ANGOLA WILL BE WILLING TO USE ITS INFLUENCE TO URGE SWAPO TO REFRAIN FROM VIOLENT ACTIVITIES IN NAMIBIA. I COVERED POINTS CONTAINED PARA 3 REFTEL, GAVE FORGE AN AIDE MEMOIRE CONTAINING THESE POINTS, AND ASKED THAT THEY BE BROUGHT TO PRESIDENT NETO'S ATTENTION.

4. JORGE READ AIDE MEMOIRE CAREFULLY AND SAID HE UNDERSTOOD U.S. WORRY OVER INCREASED VIOLENCE . ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT NETO HE THANKED USG FOR "CONSIDERATE GESTURE" OF BRINGING MATTER TO HIS ATTENTION. HE SAID OUR COMMUNICATION MERITED PARTICULAR CONSIDERATION AND REFLECTION BY ANGOLANS. HE SAID PRESIDENT NETO WILL WANT TO TRANSMIT IT TO HIS PARTY AND GOVERNMENT, AND EXAMINE WITH THEM THE POSSIBILITIES TO TAKE ACTION. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HE WOULD SEE SWAPO LEADERSHIP IMMEDIATELY UPON RETURN TO LUANDA SAME DAY, AND TRY TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT SITUATION IN GENERAL AND NATURE OF INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE IN PARTICULAR. JORGE WONDERED ALOUD WHETHER INCIDENTS WERE NOT MAINLY INTENSIFICATION OF MILITARY CLASHES. HE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO WORK WITH UNITED NATIONS TO FIND SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS MENTIONED IN AIDE MEMOIRE.

5. I TOLD ANGOLAN FON MINISTER THAT MY GOVERNMENT WAS IMPRESSED BY SPEED WITH WHICH ANGOLA AND ZAIRE HAD MOVED TOWARD REDUCTION OF TENSIONS. WE HOPED PROCESS WOULD CONTINUE AND STOOD READY TO  
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ASSIST IN ANY APPROPRIATE WAY. JORGE SAID ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT WAS CONTENT WITH PROGRESS, AND THAT NETO VISIT TO KINSHASA HAD HELPED RECONCILIATION FURTHER. HE SAID GOA APPRECIATED US WILLINGNESS TO HELP AND WOULD LET US HAVE ANGOLAN IDEAS ON SUBJECT. WHEN HE SUGGESTED THAT OUR HELP MIGHT BE IN THE POLITICAL AREA OR MIGHT BE ECONOMIC AND MATERIAL, I SOUGHT GENTLY TO DRAW HIM OUT FURTHER. HE SAID IT WAS "PROBABLY TOO SOON FOR US TO BE SPECIFIC." AT THAT POINT, THE TWO OF US WERE JOINED BY ANGOLAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UN FIGUEREDO, AND JORGE SAID THIS AMBASSADOR WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH HIS AMERICAN COLLEAGUES IN NEW YORK. FON MINISTER ADDED THAT AMBASSADOR DALMEIDA IN BRUSSELS IS ANOTHER GOOD CONTACT POINT, AND THE RECENT ARRIVAL OF ANGOLA'S CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN ZAIRE PROVIDED A THIRD CONVENIENT POINT FOR COMMUNICATIONS "UNTIL WE ESTABLISH REAL RELATIONS."

6. JORGE THEN ADDED THAT DEVELOPING AMERICAN/ANGOLAN RELATIONSHIP IS ON RIGHT PATH. FOR TIME BEING, HE SAID, AMERICA HAS POOR KNOWLEDGE OF ANGOLA AND MISUNDERSTANDS FORCES AGAINST WHICH GOA IS STRUGGLING. " WE ARE NOT BAD," JORGE SAID. "LET US BUILD OUR COUNTRY." HE SAID THAT ANGOLANS WERE ATTEMPTING TO "FORGET A LOT OF THINGS" THAT AMERICA HAD SAID AND DONE. NEVERTHELESS, HE WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP AND THOUGHT

WE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON BUILDING A SOLID BASE. JORGE STATED THAT ANGOLA HAD TAKEN SOME STEPS AND NOW AWAITED A USG STEP TOWARD A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP. THEN HE CLOSED WITH THE COMMENT THAT, WITH AMERICAN ELECTIONS APPROACHING, GOA PROBABLY SHOULD NOT EXPECT ANY SIGNIFICANT STEPS BEFORE NOVEMBER.

7. COMMENT: JORGE'S MANNER WAS POLITE, CORRECT, AND RATHER RESERVED. I CAME AWAY FROM MEETING WITH IMPRESSION THAT AT LEAST JORGE AND POSSIBLY NETO ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO EXPAND CONTACTS WITH US. IN CONVERSATION WITH ME AT AIRPORT GOOD-BYE CEREMONIES, GOZ FON MINISTER UMBA SAID HE HAD SAME IMPRESSION. UMBA ALSO THOUGHT MEETINGS BETWEEN TWO PRESIDENTS HAD GONE VERY WELL. HE SAID GOZ HOPED USG WOULD GIVE FURTHER ENCOURAGEMENT TO ANGOLANS TO CONTINUE RECONCILIATION, AND STAND READY TO HELP  
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ECONOMICALLY AND WITH MATERIAL TO ENCOURAGE RAPPROCHEMENT. WHEN I ASKED FOR ANY SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS GE MIGHT HAVE, UMBA SAID HE WOULD BE LEAVING TODAY ON A MISSION, BUT THAT GOZ IS EXPLORING MATTER AND WILL LET US HAVE THEIR THINKING.  
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